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This procedure demonstrates the steps to file a ballot in the CM/ECF system.

- STEP 1 Click **Bankruptcy** from the main menu.
- STEP 2 The **Bankruptcy Events** screen will display.
 - ♦ Click Plan.
- STEP 3 The **Case Number** screen will display.
 - Enter the complete case number. Click Next.
- STEP 4 Verify the identity of the case. Click **Next**.
- STEP 5 The **File a Plan** screen will display.
 - Verify the case name and case number. If incorrect, use the browser's back button to return to prior screens.
 - Click on the drop down list to reveal the list of motions/applications, or press the "c" key repeatedly until "Chapter 11 Ballot" appears. Click Next.
- STEP 6 The **Select the Party** screen will display.
 - Scroll through the Select the Party box to locate the party filer (e.g., debtor, joint debtor, trustee or creditor).
 - ♦ Click to highlight and select the party on whose behalf the document is being filed. **NOTE** If you wish to select more than one party, such as the debtor and joint debtor, hold the "**Ctrl**" key down and click to highlight the remaining party. Click **Next** if the party is already in the case.
 - ♦ If the party is not already in this particular case, then the party must be added. However, you must first search to determine if the party already exists in the court's database. Click Add/Create New Party to add a new party to the case.

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♦ If the desired party's name and address matches, click **Select Name** from List and proceed to step 8.

Searching for a party - Search by either entering the last name of the party, or business name. When searching for a debtor you may search by social security number or tax id number, if known.

NOTE - All parties are matched to the same database, including debtors, joint debtors, plaintiffs, defendants, and aka's of party names (some will appear without an address and/or redacted social security number or tax id number).

Search Hints:

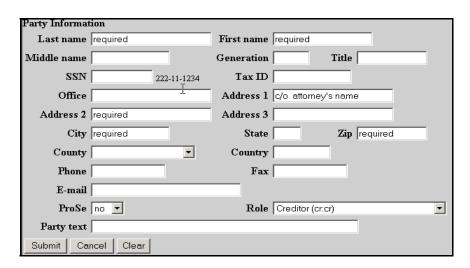
- name searches are NOT case sensitive
- include correct punctuation, e.g., "O'Brien", "McDonald" or "555-66-7777"
- partial name entries will yield a greater match probability, e.g., "McD" would include "McDonald" and "McDaniels"
- try alternative search clues if your first search was not successful

For example, if Ford is entered, several selections might appear in **Party search results**. Click on the closest matching name and a pop-up screen will appear. Repeat as needed. Not all parties will contain the complete name, address, redacted social security number or tax id number. If information in the pop-up screen matches the desired party, click **Select Name from List**. If not, click **Create New Party**.



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STEP 7 The **Party Information** screen will display - In our example Ford Motor Credit Company is listed in the court's database, but the corresponding address does not match the creditor. Therefore the creditor must be added. See Chapter I, Section 3 for entering data in accordance with Style Guide Instructions. Select them, then Click **Submit** (see below).



CRITICAL ISSUES - *YOU MUST SELECT THE CORRECT ROLE TYPE. *THE ADDRESS FOR THE CREDITOR MUST BE C/O THE ATTORNEY.

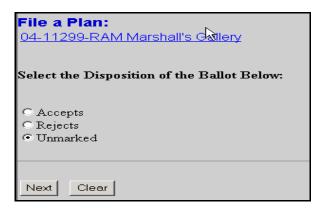
- STEP 8 After selecting or creating the party in the case, the name will be highlighted in the **Select the Party** screen. Click **Next**.
- STEP 9 Click on the check box to establish a link between the party and yourself, if needed. Click **Next**.

NOTE: If an attorney has been issued more than one login and is now using a secondary login to file this document, **DO NOT** check the attorney/creditor association box. Click **Next**.

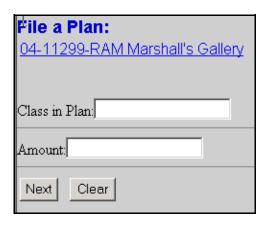
- STEP 10 The **PDF Document Selection** screen will display.
 - Click Browse to navigate to the directory where the appropriate PDF file is located. Verify you have selected the correct document by right clicking on the highlighted filename and select Open to view the image. Once verified, double-click the PDF file or click Open to select and associate it with the docket entry.

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- ♦ The Attachments to Document option defaults to No. Click Next. NOTE: If your PDF document exceeds 3.0 mega bytes it must be broken down into smaller files. Refer to Chapter I, Section 7, "Attachments to Documents" for instructions on how to file attachments.
- STEP 11 The **File a Plan** screen will display. Enter the appropriate information. Click **Next**.



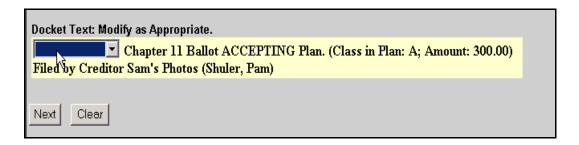
STEP 12 Disposition of the Ballot screen will display. Enter the appropriate response. Click **Next**.



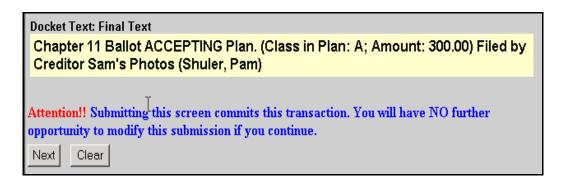
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STEP 13 The **Docket Text: Modify as Appropriate** screen will display.

◆ For this example, a blank field for a supplemental entry with a prefix drop down list is available to add more detail to the docket text but is not required. NOTE - You may also type the first letter of the prefix to immediately move through the list of prefixes that begin with a particular letter. Click Next.



STEP 14 The **Docket Text: Final Text** screen will display. This is the screen which commits the transaction. Use the browser's back button to return to prior screens if any correction is needed. Click **Next**.



- STEP 15 **Notice of Electronic Filing (frequently referred to as the NEF)** This is the verification that the document has been filed electronically.
 - The NEF will be served upon all case participants authorized to receive electronic service. This notice may be printed and/or saved using the browser's menu bar options.
 - ◆ To view the court docket and/or notice, click on the case/docket number hypertext link and the system will prompt the user for a PACER login.